

SOVIET FORCES BREAK THROUGH AT LAKE ILMEN

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where the German 16th army has been reported trapped for months. A major soviet breakthrough here would imperil the whole left flank of the German armies, including the siege forces around Leningrad.

Red Star said the Germans might have "succeeded in obtaining some partial, limited successes," but declared that on the whole the Kharkov offensive was developing satisfactorily and "we have everything necessary to keep the initiative."

Front-line dispatches said the Germans were using tricky new tactics of screened attack with their tank forces, sending three groups into action: two small forces to distract Russian attention, then a third strong surprise force to catch the Russians on the flank.

Red Star declared this strategy failed and heavy losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The newspaper said that big-scale tank operations had dwindled except in one sector, and that even there a major tank clash lasting several days continued at a lower pitch.

For the first time, today's soviet communiques omitted mention of any general advance.

This indicated that Marshal Semion Timoshenko's troops still held the initiative, at least, but it seemed clear that Adolf Hitler had now brought up enough fresh-and-blood reserves to hold the Russians where steel panzers were blasted into retreat.

Front-line dispatches said yesterday the Germans were rushing heavy reinforcements into the 120-mile battle line, with naz infantry units supported by only 10 to 15 tanks instead of mass mechanized forces.

"Battles continue on the eastern part of Kerch peninsula," a soviet mid-day communique said, again countering official Berlin claims that German troops had completely overrun the eastern Crimea.

British military quarters said German counter blows on the Izyum-Barvenkova sector, 80 miles below Kharkov, had bitten a chunk out of the southern flank of the soviet drive, but declared there were no indications that the bite was being increased.

Go South—Sergeant Ayers of headquarters company, 29th Engineers, Portland, and Mrs. Ayers left Thursday evening by train for San Francisco after a two-day visit with Mrs. Ayers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Herington, 1080 Hanks street. Following a short visit in the bay city with Sergeant Ayers' sister, the two will continue to Washington, D. C., where the army man will enter officers' candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Va. Mrs. Ayers will reside in Washington during her husband's stay at school. She will be remembered as the former Rae Herington of this city.

Transferred—William H. Ashley, assistant manager of the Klamath Falls Montgomery Ward store, has been transferred to the assistant management of the Ward store at Alhambra, California, and will leave Saturday to assume his new duties. Ashley came to the Klamath store from Oakland, Calif., about five months ago.

Police Court—Five drunks, two drunk and disorderly cases, one vag and one traffic ticket made up the police court report Friday morning.

Radio Day by Day

(Pacific War Time)
NEW YORK, May 22 (Wide World)—Designed to depict some of the activities of Uncle Sam's forces now stationed in the British Isles, a series, "Stars and Stripes in Britain," is to have its introduction on MBS Sunday at 4:30 p. m.

Brig.-Gen. James H. Doolittle, leader of the air raid on Tokyo, has been scheduled for another broadcast on Sunday afternoon. He will join in the US army hour on NBC at 12:30 p. m., the major part of which is to come from West Point.

On the air Friday night: BLU, 7:15, Admiral Howard Vickery, "Your Ships are on the Way." MBS—8:15, What Price Victory, "Price Control"; 7, boxing, Tami Mauriello vs. Bob Pastor.

What to expect Saturday: NBC—11:30 a. m., Anniversary Society for Propagation of the Faith. BLU—9:30 a. m. Farmers union; 1:30, King's plate race, Toronto. MBS—9 a. m., roundtable, "Our Pacific Front and China"; 11 a. m. Women's Press club radio award; 12, maritime day program; 1:15, (also CBS 1:35) Belmont park races.

ACCUSED SHOT IN COURTROOM

HARLAN, Ky., May 22 (UP)—Manzo Shepherd, 24, was shot to death Thursday in the circuit court room only 20 minutes before a jury convicted him of the murder of a Harlan taxicab driver and sentenced him to death.

Sheriff Cline Ball arrested 26-year-old Jack Heaton, nephew of Joe Christian, taxicab driver whose body, its throat slashed, was found on Black Mountain on May 25.

Sentence — Death
The jury had just left the room when the blast from a pistol threw the court into a bedlam. The jury was not told of the shooting and 20 minutes after Shepherd's death returned a verdict of guilty—with a mandatory sentence of death.

Shepherd was shot once through the head as he sat at the counsel table. He slumped to the floor. Officers immediately seized Heaton and took him to the county jail, where a .32 caliber pistol, still warm and containing only one shell—empty—was found in his pocket.

He submitted to the search sullenly and declined to discuss the shooting.

"Obstruction"
It was Shepherd's second trial — and an example of swift mountain justice. Last Tuesday Shepherd and Sherman Clouse stood trial for the slaying of Christian. More than 60 veniremen were questioned before a jury was selected, and it was unable to agree.

The original jury was dismissed after reporting itself hopelessly deadlocked at 11 to 1 for conviction. The juror who refused to vote for conviction was arrested for "obstructing justice" and a new trial ordered.

Judge James S. Forrester agreed to try Shepherd and Clouse separately since Howard Hensley, a third man indicted for the slaying, has been granted a separate trial.

Today's trial for Shepherd was swift. The jury reached a verdict of guilty with very little deliberation. It filed into the courtroom to learn that the defendant was dead.

The three men admitted the slaying. In a confession, Shepherd said the three decided to rob someone, and selected Christian because they believed he would have money.

ARMY ORDERS CUTTING INTO HOUSING JOBS

By WILLIAM NEEDHAM
WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—Defense housing construction throughout the country is slowing to a standstill as a result of the army's hold on virtually all supplies of softwood construction lumber, war production board officials disclosed Thursday.

In at least 15 cities, many with heavy concentrations of war industries, housing projects have been stopped entirely and at least 35 other cities have reported "critical" situations because of dwindling lumber stocks. Similar reports from other defense housing areas are flooding into Washington daily.

"Shotgun" Method Hit
Direct cause of the threatened collapse of the housing program is a WPB order, issued a week ago at the insistence of the war department, "freezing" all sales and deliveries of softwood construction lumber by large producers for 60 days—except for deliveries to the army, navy or maritime commission.

Some officials at WPB, sharply critical of what they described as war department "shotgun" methods, said the "freeze" affected private as well as public construction. For example, farmers who cannot ship grain to already-filled elevators will be unable, in many sections of the country, to build bins for their spring wheat crops.

It was indicated that the order was rushed through WPB's lumber branch under army instructions before high-ranking WPB officials realized its full effect.

Not Intended
"There certainly was no intention of stopping defense housing," James S. Knowlson, director of industry operations, declared today, "and something will be done about it." Some amendment would be drawn, it was understood, to permit continuance of "essential" defense housing, at least. Defense housing officials now are engaged in a review of all products, planned and under way, to establish their own priority list.

As of May 9, war production board statistics showed, a total of 416,099 defense housing units had been programmed, including family dwellings, trailers and portable houses, and single-person units. Construction contracts had been awarded covering 213,680 units.

Meanwhile, preliminary reports from housing authorities in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bridgeport, Conn., New Haven, Atlanta, South Bend, Ind., Louisville, Ky., Portland, Me., Fall River, Mass., Detroit, Reno, Nev., Portland, Ore., Vancouver, Wash., Philadelphia and Chester, Pa., said the lumber shortage had "demoralized" their programs.

Drain on Labor
If projects were stopped too long, officials feared, contractors' crews would be broken up by workers seeking other jobs and the work of shipyards, aircraft plants, and other vital facilities would be impeded by lack of housing for employees.

The only lumber still available for such projects is in retail yards, and it was reported the army had bought up some 2,000,000,000 feet of these stocks since March.

Authoritative WPB officials declared that the army, although warned months ago that it should begin stock-piling lumber for the cantonments in which it will house its multi-million-man new army, had failed to do so. Recent heavy demands for wood as a substitute for scarce metals suddenly left the war department faced

Minute Minuteman



Penn Thayer, 2½, named official miniature minuteman for southern California by Treasury Department, admires his counterpart of '76.

'Fight On!'



Philippine President Manuel Quezon predicts island natives will still be fighting Japs when MacArthur returns. This fine picture was made as President Quezon journeyed to see President Roosevelt.

with the possibility that supplies might not meet its demands—and the 60-day "freeze" was decided upon.

The army's requirements, even at the end of the 60 days, will not have been filled, officials reported.

ACADEMY SENIORS GRADUATE TONIGHT

Eighteen seniors of Sacred Heart academy will be graduated tonight in commencement exercises to be held in Sacred Heart church at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Valedictorian will be Anne Zupan, Barbara Peterson, salutatorian. Diplomas will be presented by the Rev. Timothy Casey, the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. B. Scott.

Going After Caldwell—Constable Gary Cozad will go to Ventura, Calif., to bring back Robert John Caldwell, accused of breaking into several cabins at nearby lake resorts.

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NEWHALL SAYS TIRES MAY BE TAKEN IN '44

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nationwide rationing of gasoline to save tires and cars for later allocation to essential war uses.

The administration is studying the question of extending to other parts of the country the gasoline restrictions now enforced in the east and northwest. To save more than 100,000 pounds of crude rubber, it already has ordered a ban on sightseeing and unessential charter buses after June 1.

The Brookings survey said immediate rationing of gasoline on a nationwide basis offered the "only reasonable prospect of averting a breakdown in essential automobile transportation." But even with this in force, it added, it "may prove necessary to requisition several million vehicles during 1943 in order to insure maintenance of adequate automobile transportation throughout the remainder of the war."

Estimating private cars now in use at 27,000,000, the report suggested gas rationing be highly selective, permitting all "necessary mileage" for about 2,000,000 vehicles it held necessary to maintain the civilian economy without serious disruption; between 30 and 40 miles a week for 5,000,000 cars, and immobilizing 2,000,000 extra cars by limiting each family to five tires.

It estimated that the existing supply of tires would not be sufficient to meet essential requirements by mid-1943 "if normal driving habits" continue and that the supply would be completely exhausted by 1945."

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Nazis Take Pains To Hide Damage Done by RAF

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side Berlin, for instance, to take a correspondent over a large area and show him many undamaged buildings.

Yet, he may pass within 100 yards of a vital sub-plant devoted to turning out some delicate precision instrument which for months may have been incapacitated by a bomb, and he may never be the wiser.

Only gradually does the truth leak out as workers in these plants talk to friends and relatives about such mishaps despite penalties for disclosing war secrets.

Almost never do the daily war communiques of the German high command admit that the war effort has been disrupted by bombings.

It is almost invariably exclusively civilians who have been hit and structures non-essential to the war effort that have been put out of commission.

Casualties among soldiers on duty in a stricken area, assuming, for example, that a barracks has been hit, never are mentioned.

Only occasionally when the truth simply cannot be concealed successfully is public mention of serious damage made.

Thus every German knows that Muenster was bombed with frightful results late last summer. But only those having relatives and friends there are aware that whole blocks were razed.

Oregon AFL Chief To Speak Tonight

D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Central Labor council tonight at 8 p. m. in the Labor temple.

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